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Governor Signs Bill to Codify Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center

Governor **Steve Beshear** ceremonially signed House Bill 167, which codifies an executive reorganization for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, creating the Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center.

House Bill 167, which was sponsored by Rep. **Bob Damron**, also included several initiatives related to the Department of Military Affairs and the Kentucky National Guard. The ceremony took place July 1 at the VFW Post 4075 in Frankfort.

"We thank the members of the General Assembly for passing this important piece of legislation and extend our appreciation to federal, state, and local partners in our ongoing effort to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth," said KOHS Executive Director **Gene Kiser**.

The fusion center is a collaborative



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effort of multiple local, state, and federal agencies to provide resources, expertise and information with the goal of maximizing their ability to detect, prevent, investigate, and respond to criminal and terrorist activity.

"I am proud to have sponsored House Bill 167, but this bill's numerous measures certainly would not have been possible without the help and hard work of all other legislators who sponsored pieces of legislation that became a part of my bill," Damon said. "The measures within

HB167 signify Kentucky's continued dedication to its servicemen and women, veterans and homeland security operations, and I am honored to have been a part of its passage."

KIFC functions include:

- Special event threat assessments
- Situation awareness bulletins
- Intelligence bulletins and briefings
- Translation services
- Case support
- Training
- Receiving and reporting suspicious activity through the toll free hotline, 1-866-EYE-ON-KY

"I want to thank the members of the General Assembly for recognizing the efforts of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security's Intelligence Fusion Center to protect the citizens of Kentucky," said **Mary Halmhuber**, acting director of the fusion center.



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More than 200 people attended the State Homeland Security Program grant workshop conducted by KOHS grant personnel in Frankfort. Other workshops were held in Greenville and London. Application forms are available at www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/gp. All applications must be in the KOHS office, or postmarked, by 4:30 p.m., on Friday, July 26. See SHSP grant checklist on page 2.

Pulaski EMTs Save Lives with New Cardiac Defibrillator

A LifePak15 was purchased by the city of Somerset with a State Homeland Security Program grant through the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. It was needed as the number of crews that are sent out has become increasingly higher.

Somerset-Pulaski County EMS is currently running six crews between 7 a.m.-11 p.m. and three crews during 11 p.m.-7 a.m.

There have been many instances when all crews were on call and two more crews had to be sent from office staff. This happens once every month because of wrecks in the area, weather conditions, and the services needed for other incidents.

The LifePak15 is equipped with leads and an EKG machine that can save and share information with hospital staff. Once a patient is taken

care of, the LifePak15 will automatically generate a report for the hospital.

One feature that seemed well received was the ability of the machine to actually transmit data directly to the hospital in real time for the medical staff to look at, assess, and call in other personnel to assist in treatment.

Officials said there were many times EMTs would roll the patient directly to an attendant who was completely up to speed on the situation of the patient. This lessened critical time needed for heart attack victims as the longer treatment is delayed, the more damage to heart muscles.



Quality Assurance Officer David Bell, KOHS grants manager Brandon McKinley, KOHS intern Wesley Watkins and Acting Chief Billy Duncan with the LifePak15 purchased by the city of Somerset with a State Homeland Security Program grant.

SHSP Grant Checklist

- Each project requires a separate application
- Submit original plus 5 copies
- Postmarked by July 26, 2013
- The cover sheet should be on top of the application packet
- Do not submit applications in binders or plastic covers
- Do not submit the Instruction Sheet or copy of the application
- Only local units of government may apply
- Requested equipment must be on the Authorized Equipment List (www.rkb.us)



Contributing Agencies:

Kentucky Office of Homeland Security
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 Kentucky State Police Intelligence
 FBI Louisville Division
 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
 U.S. Secret Service
 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
 Kentucky State Police Headquarters Communications
 Lexington Division of Police
 Kentucky Department of Corrections
 Kentucky Army National Guard
 U.S. Coast Guard
 Kentucky Fire Commission

LEPP Grants Awarded to 40 Law Enforcement Agencies

Governor Steve Beshear announced on June 3 that \$200,693 in state Law Enforcement Protection Program grants were awarded to 40 law enforcement agencies.

Under LEPP, administered by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, appropriate agencies can seek financial help for certain items essential in the course of their duties.

LEPP support goes to police agencies of cities, counties, charter counties, unified counties, urban-counties and con-

solidated local governments, sheriff's departments and public university police departments.

Agencies awarded grants were Butler County Fiscal Court, Audubon Park, Barbourville, Beaver Dam, Benton, Brooksville, Burnside, Campbellsville, Cave City, Clinton, Coal Run, Cumberland, Falmouth, Flemingsburg, Florence, Fort Thomas, Guthrie, Harlan, Hartford, Hawesville, Indian Hills, Irvine, Ludlow, Paris, Pewee Valley, Science Hill, Taylor Mill, Tompkinsville, Crittenden

County Fiscal Court, Elliott County Fiscal Court, Hardin County Task Force, Hopkins County Fiscal Court, Menifee County Fiscal Court, Monroe County Fiscal Court, Murray State University, Simpson County Fiscal Court, Todd County Fiscal Court, Trigg County Fiscal Court, Trimble Fiscal Court, and University of Kentucky Police.

Visit www.homelandsecurity.ky.gov/lepp for more information on the LEPP program.



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Mark Bryen of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security led a class on critical thinking and analytic methods in Frankfort. The 18 students enrolled in the weeklong course were taught the necessary knowledge and skills to perform successfully as DHS intelligence enterprise analysts. The course was sponsored by KOHS.

Conferences, Training, Etc.

July 7-10 — The Violent Reality: Gangs, Human Trafficking, and How Law Enforcement Investigates Today, Knoxville, Tenn.

July 8-12 — Emergency Narcotics Operations Class, Clarksville, Tenn.

July 16 — Criminal Elements of the Sovereign Citizen Movement, Fort Knox

July 16-18 — Field Training Officers' School, Evansville, Ind.

Aug. 26-27 and Aug. 28-29 — Finding the Leader in You: The More Courageous Path, Evansville, Ind.



Information about these events and other activities for law enforcement is available to subscribers of the Homeland Security Information Network. To learn about HSIN, visit www.dhs.gov/HSIN or contact Kentucky Intelligence Fusion Center at FusionCenter@ky.gov.

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Report Suspicious Activity

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EKU Students Spend Summer Learning at KOHS

Two interns and one volunteer from Eastern Kentucky University are working this summer at the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

They conducted research on multiple topics including human trafficking and liquid meth. In addition, they worked on the KOHS continuity of operations plan and reports for the 16 critical infrastructure sectors.

One intern took the Critical Thinking and Analytic Methods course taught by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The interns also participated in grant monitoring with

a grant manager and attended a grant workshop in Frankfort.

"The students have made important contributions this summer," said KOHS executive director Gene Kiser. "We're pleased that we can enable them to learn and work with our professional staff and help prepare them for careers in intelligence and homeland security."

Meet the interns:

Ryan Steffy is scheduled to complete a master's degree in safety, security, and emergency management from ECU in December. He

received a bachelor's in political science with a minor in history at the University of Tennessee.

Steffy returned to college after serving four years in the Marines, where he was able to gain experience in emergency management and as an intelligence analyst. He is from Newburgh, N.Y.

"I have a substantial amount of classroom education for emergency management and intelligence gathering and analysis, but I need to be able to apply what I have learned and

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84th Annual Kentucky State Fire School and KOHS Conference

The 84th Kentucky State Fire School and Kentucky Office of Homeland Security Conference on June 6-9 in Lexington attracted 664 firefighters representing 244 departments and agencies from across the state.

Forty-two classes were held — ranging from aircraft firefighting to meth lab awareness — with 1,595 students. There were 1,053 certificates awarded.

The exhibit showcase featured the largest show of emergency-service equipment, supplies and services in Kentucky.

Ronnie Day, executive director of the Kentucky Fire Commission, and **Keith Jackson**, chief of the Lexington Division of Fire & Emergency Services, served as co-chairs of the conference.



Among those taking part in the opening ceremony were guest speaker Russ Sanders, director, National Fire Protection Association; Ronnie Day, executive director, Kentucky Fire Commission; Gregg Bayer, battalion chief, Lexington Fire Department; Keith Jackson, chief, Lexington Fire Department; and Gene Kiser, executive director, Kentucky Office of Homeland Security.

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gain some work experience,” he said. “KOHS has allowed me the opportunity to utilize my education in a working environment.”

Steffy has been given projects to work on individually and as part of a team with other interns at KOHS.

“I am enjoying my time at KOHS and hope that with the experiences I learn here, along with my military service and education, I will be able to contribute to an organization in either emergency management or intelligence analysis,” he said.

Wesley Watkins is a junior at EKU, majoring in homeland security with a double minor in communications studies and political science. The Frankfort native is also in the process of completing an Intelligence Studies certificate at EKU that will certify him as a threat specialist



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Wesley Watkins, Ryan Steffy and Austin Jones make a presentation about human trafficking to KOHS staff.

for intelligence and security.

Watkins plans to continue his education by pursuing a master's degree in safety, security and emergency management or go through the Judge Advocate General program and

eventually serve in some branch of the military.

“My long-term goal is continuing my career and becoming a federal agent with the ATF, DEA, FBI or U.S. Marshals,” he said. “I believe that my internship with the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security is one of my first steppingstones to gaining the experience and knowledge I need to further enhance my career and accomplish the many goals I have set for myself.”

Watkins works in the Office of Admissions at EKU as the head of campus tours, where he's in charge of training and evaluating the tour guides on staff. He's also an active member of the Greek community, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and vice president of the Interfraternal Council. In his free time, Watkins is involved in sports, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, and coaches the offensive and defensive lines of the Bondurant Middle School football team in Frankfort.

“Since the very first day as an intelligence intern I have learned something new everyday and have constantly been challenged by my superiors to get the most I possibly can out of the projects assigned to me,” he said.



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Nineteen students attended the Incident Command System Train the Trainer course in Highland Heights on June 18-21. The L-499 class was held as part of the ICS/Kentucky Office of Homeland Security training program to develop and increase the number of ICS instructors across the Commonwealth. The attendees were from State Fire Rescue Training, Kentucky Department of Public Health, Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, and local emergency management. The class was taught by instructors from the Texas Engineering Extension out of Texas A&M.